

In re Patent Application of:  
**CUNNINGHAM**  
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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his thorough examination of the present application, for allowing Claims 1, 2 and 7, and for indicating the allowability of the subject matter of dependent Claims 5, 11, 12 and 17. Independent Claim 3 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 5 which has been canceled for consistency. Independent Claim 6 has been canceled, and independent Claim 8 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 11. Dependent Claim 11 has been canceled and the dependency of Claim 12 has been amended for consistency.

Independent Claim 13 has been canceled along with its dependent Claim 14. Independent Claim 15 has been amended to include the recitations of dependent Claim 17, indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Dependent Claim 17 has been canceled for consistency.

Accordingly, all of the remaining independent claims are either already allowed, or now amended to include patentable subject matter as helpfully pointed out by the Examiner. Their dependent claims, which recite further distinguishing features are also patentable and need no further discussion. In addition, Applicant requests confirmation of consideration of the IDS mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 2004. Attached is a copy of our return postcard bearing the date the IDS was received by the U.S. Patent Office Mailroom.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course.

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Should any minor informalities need to be addressed,  
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